

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please note that the original priority claim was cancelled in this case, so the international filing date is now the priority date.

The specification has been amended to conform to U.S. practice and to improve readability.

The drawings have been amended to conform to U.S. practice and to use the same terms that are used in the specification.

Original claims 3, 4, 8-12 are cancelled.

Original claims 1, 2, 5-7 are amended to conform to U.S. practice.

New claims 13-20 claim aspects of the invention that were claimed in other ways in the international application as filed.

The subject matter of the amended and new claims finds antecedent basis in the specification and drawings of the international application as filed. Based on the fact that the International Preliminary Examination Report stated that the claimed invention met PCT criteria, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 500593.

Respectfully submitted,

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